

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13, and 20-22 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

Please add claims 24, 25, and 26 as follows.

1-13. (cancelled)

14. (original) A method for propelling a platform over snow, comprising:
providing a front platform to accept the feet of a standing operator and a propulsion unit;

interconnecting the propulsion unit behind the front platform so that the front platform can rotate relative to the propulsion unit with at least two degrees of freedom;

steering the front platform by movement of the feet to cause rotation of the platform relative to the propulsion unit; and

biasing the propulsion unit relative to the front platform in a direction to return the propulsion unit to a location behind the front platform.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein said biasing includes a spring.

16. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein said interconnecting is by a U joint.

17. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein said interconnecting is by a ball joint.

18. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the front platform is a snowboard and the propulsion unit is adapted and configured for propelling the front platform over snow.

19. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the front platform is a skateboard and the propulsion unit is adapted and configured for propelling the front platform over a roadway.

20-22. (cancelled)

23. (original) A method for propelling a platform over snow, comprising:
providing a platform to accept an operator and a propulsion unit for the platform located behind said platform and aligned to an orientation relative to the platform;
interconnecting the propulsion unit to the platform so that the platform can pivot relative to the propulsion unit; and
biasing the propulsion unit relative to the platform to return to the orientation after the platform pivots relative to the propulsion unit.

24. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said biasing includes a spring.

25. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said interconnecting is by a U joint.

26. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said interconnecting is by a ball joint.